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Food for the Strenuous.
Last night's bear dinner at the White
House was one of a series of more or less
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Mr. Bryan's Method of Leadership.
The New York World, which is greatly
exercised over the fate of the Demo-
cratic party under Mr. Bryan's lead-
ership, has the following to say of the
Nebraska approval of many features of
the President's message:

"If Mr. Bryan is to be the Democratic candidate
in the next campaign, the guns have been
sited in advance. What can the candidate or his party
say next year against the Roosevelt administration? On
what grounds can they appeal to public opinion?
If Mr. Roosevelt has done as well as they assert, if
his measures are as sound as they declare, what
excuse would the people have for turning Mr.
Roosevelt out of power to put them in possession of
the government? Why snare horses while crossing
the stream?"

There have been few occasions in the history of
the country when intelligent, aggressive, active
opposition to an administration in power was more
needed than now. There have been few occasions
when there were more tempting political opportu-
nities for such opposition. Roosevelt is seeking
to command the confidence of the most reactionary
schemes of centralization and bureaucracy ever
advanced by a Chief Magistrate. Thirty years ago,
even twenty years ago—yes, fifteen years ago—a
strict-construction Democratic party would have
been led to meet this issue and would have fought
Mr. Roosevelt on it until every ballot had been
counted in the boxes on election day. Yet, ap-
parently, the Democracy under Mr. Bryan's lead-
ership is only a weakling within the Roosevelt wheel."

We have always thought that Mr.
Bryan would have difficulty in making
a successful campaign against Mr. Roose-
velt, and doubtless Mr. Bryan has felt
the same way himself; but now if he
the Nebraska's strongest opponent van-
ishes, Mr. Bryan will not have to con-
duct his campaign against the Roose-
velt administration, but against the
Republican candidate, who may be
out of sympathy with much for
which the President stands. We do not
know of a single Republican prominently
mentioned for the Presidential nomina-
tion who occupies precisely the same
ground that Mr. Roosevelt does. Even
Taft could not accept the whole of the
Roosevelt corporation programme. What
if the Republican party should nominate
the conservative for whom the World
and other metropolitan papers are "yearn-
ing"? The World would not find Mr.
Bryan's guns spiked in such an eventuality.

The opposition to the administration
which the World thinks so desirable at
the moment is arising within the Presi-
dent's own party. It should be remem-
bered that the Roosevelt policies ap-
proved by Mr. Bryan have been de-
veloped since the last Presidential election.
They constitute a personal, not a party,
platform. They have never been for-
mally indorsed in a national convention,
or made an article of party faith. To many
Republicans they are distasteful, and,
in fact, they reverse the traditional
party policy of working hand in glove
with great industrial interests, building
them up by legislation and accepting pay
therefor in campaign contributions. Mr.
Roosevelt has made a breach in this policy.
That Grover Cleveland himself was
unable to effect. He has practically
shaken off the corporation control that
was one of the conspicuous character-
istics of the G. O. P. He has outlived
or outgrown many of the old Republican
bosses. But there are still a few left,
and if these should come into control
of the party once more, how much of the
Roosevelt platform would they accept?

Mr. Bryan's case is quite different.
The Democratic party has been fighting
his platform for a dozen years. That
Mr. Roosevelt has accepted part of it
is one of the accidents of politics. The
Republican party may repudiate some
of Mr. Roosevelt's Democracy. In that
event, will not Mr. Bryan be strengthened
by the repudiation? "Divide and con-
quer" is the maxim of Mr. Bryan's cam-
paign, and the rising tide of reaction
within the party is his ground
of hope. The reaction may not go far
enough to endanger Republican success,
but it would be political suicide for the
Democratic party to range itself with
Republican reactionaries in order to fight
Roosevelt Democracy. It would be a
repudiation of its own platform—a
repudiation of the only platform on which
it has any chance whatever to win.

While other newcomers are pawing the
Senatorial air, Senator "Bob" Taylor
doubtless will content himself with seek-
ing to convince Senator Allison that a
whip-poor-will sings as sweetly as a mock-
ingbird.
After a two-hours ride in an auto-
mobile, a Chicago woman wasn't able to
speak for thirty days. If this doesn't
boom the buzz-wagon business, nothing
will.
That Chicago man whose blood is full
of yeast must be an ex-Marxist, who
once helped to make his town famous.

"Suppressing impossible desires is the
only way to a peaceful life," says the
Baltimore American. We are not so
sure about that; for instance, it would
interfere seriously with the gaiety of the

nation should our new Congressmen sup-
press their desires to run things over
"Uncle Joe's" head, regardless.

As between dispensing with his title of
"autocrat" and dispensing with his
Duma, the Czar probably thinks he can
already see the Duma's finish.

The city council of Des Moines has
passed an ordinance requiring all Santa
Claus to have asbestos whiskers this
Christmas. The children may not like
this innovation especially, but under its
operation it is thought the visible supply
of Santa Claus will last longer.

The German Emperor is said to carry a
very beautiful and expensive amulet
in his pocket to protect him against
disease. Poor folks in this country find
a buckeye or a raw Irish potato equally
as effective.

The President dabbles with the tariff
question in his message just long enough
to advise us to forget it for the present.

After Mr. "Jeff" Davis has thundered
his first defiance to the United States
Senate, it is altogether probable that the
will want to know why the Committee
on Ventilation and Acoustics doesn't pro-
vide a patriot with more congenial at-
mosphere in the chamber.

Baron Aoki says he "falls to understand
the President." In that event, doubtless,
he couldn't even understand a 13,000-word
hypothetical question.

Let other rhymsters yawn of joy and
lament and mirth,
But I maintain the poet gets the coldest
deal on earth;
When shy on shoes I can't enthuse or
caracole on slogs,
I fall to see where such a course will get
me anything.

Let other rhymsters squawk of hope and
happiness and glee,
But in the life a poet leads no ray of
light I see;
When I am broke I cannot joke, nor up
my pedals fling,
I fall to see where such a course will get
me anything.

Not Curious.
"He says his new novel contains 200,000
words."
"Did you read it?"
"No; I took his word for it."

A Common Predicament.
"People seem to think I'm a fraud,"
complained the fairy queen. "But it's no
wonder. Times are hard, and here I am
wearing a made-over gown."

Used to Glucose.
"While in Vermont I had some pure
maple syrup."
"What of that?"
"I think I could learn to like it, once
I became accustomed to it."

Know Him?
To find this man you need not seek
Far, I opine;
He's earning forty bones per week,
And getting nine.

A Matter of Salesmanship.
"I'm going to give up poetry," declared
the bard.
"But you sell your verse."
"Yes; but there are other lines that I
could sell with half the effort and at ten
times the profit."

A Novelty.
"I'm tired of honest blacksmiths,"
sneered the critic.
"Then you'll appreciate my new melo-
drama," said the playwright. "It's here
is an upright piano mover."

Smart Girls.
"Grace, I know ten ways to cook oys-
ters. Can you say that much?"
"No; but I know several ways to in-
veigle a fellow into setting 'em up at a
swell restaurant."

PAMPERING AMERICAN GIRLS.
Social Importance Out of All Pro-
portion to Their Achievements.
From an Editorial in the December Century.

The importance of the young woman in
American society is out of all proportion
to her achievements, and naturally,
where such importance is the rule, the
social tone, however "gay," is uninter-
esting and devoid of the mellowness
which makes the formal intercourse of
human beings an institution. Instead of
being taught in childhood that her busi-
ness is to serve, and that her only chance
of happiness is in service, she is virtually
taught that everything must be done for
her. The rewards of a woman's existence
—love, respect, deference—are thus placed
at the wrong end of life. To begin with,
the sense of values is lost by the profu-
sion of Christmas, Easter, and birthday
presents showered upon her every year.

As Whately said of literary style, "He
who accentuates everything accentuates
nothing."

In such extravagance the beauty of
simplicity disappears, and beside the lux-
ury of such a girlhood the gifts of nar-
ture and of common human life lose their
preciousness. A glorious sunset, the
nightly miracle of stars, the treasures of
nature—poetry—the heritage of human kind
—what are these to most debutantes com-
pared with a spectacle of colored lights
at the theater? Space fails to follow up
the theme to speak, for instance, of the
approximation of the life of girls to that
of their elders in dress and entertain-
ments, which is but a part of the lavish
and unappreciated idleness that attends
that of the young woman.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE. CAPOL GOSSIP. THE OPTIMIST. AT THE HOTELS.

Richard Bartholdt,
Representative in
Congress from St.
Louis, is equipped
with a keen sense
of humor, and his
sayings are not in-
frequently repeat-
ed about the floor
of the House.
The other day
the member from
St. Louis went
over to the new
Congress Hall Hot-
el for lunch. The
grillroom is on the
basement floor,
and in making his
way to it the Rep-
resentative was
impressed with the work being done by
a man with a paint brush. The artist
had been engaged a shade of yellow; an-
other part of which was a dark blue. The
man with the brush was dragging it almost-
about, making black lines on the yellow
that produced the effect of Tennessee mar-
ble, which the other panels cleverly imi-
tated.
"Putting the marble on with a paint
brush, eh?" remarked Dr. Bartholdt. The
man nodded.
"Looks to me like a bad case of nature
faking," remarked the doctor, as he went
on.

A striking difference of fractions has
arisen between Senator Beveridge, of
Indiana, and Senator Frye, of Maine.
Both are orators of repute. Senator
Beveridge, in the prime of mental and
physical vigor, speaks often much to the
delight of the attentive galleries, while
Senator Frye, having the halcyon days
of his eloquence in retrospect, now, dur-
ing the sunset of life, contributes but
little to the great bulk of the Congres-
sional Record.

Naturally enough, the young orator and
the aged orator, fell to talking about
the speaking prospects of the new ses-
sion. "It will be the greatest speaking
session of the last ten years," Senator
Beveridge observed, "but, talk as much
as we will, not one-fiftieth of the 30-
000,000 people in this country will ever
know that we have opened our mouths."
"More than that," retorted Senator
Frye. "Make it one five-hundredth of
the 30,000,000 and you will probably be
more nearly correct."

Although the House was not in ses-
sion yesterday, there were many min-
ority members present. On the ma-
jority side, there was "nothing doing,"
as most of the members were confer-
ring with the delegations to the nation-
al Republican committee meeting.

During the afternoon, some of the
new members were regaled with stories
of opposition by Ollie James, of Ken-
tucky, and Henry Clayton, of Alabama.
"Several years ago," said Clayton,
who is chairman of the minority cauc-
us, "I went with another man to make
Democratic speeches to the denizens of
the 'swamp district.' The leader of the
'swampers' had cut a big club and
when my friend attempted to speak,
he with the club started something that
sounded like a college yell. Every time
my friend attempted to start his
oration, the same thing happened.
Finally, I took the place at the foot of
the big oak tree, where thousands of
political speeches have been made, and
announced I would make a Democratic
speech. Now, all the opposition was
composed of Populists, and I was firm-
ly but politically told I was going to do
no such thing. I finally bowed to the
inevitable, and the audience provided
a most excellent basket dinner. 'We're
willing to feed you, but not to hear
you,' said the opposition, but two
years afterward, I succeeded in talking
about Democracy from the same spot."

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tics of human nature, a vice that few
men and women fewer still, are quite
without, is hypocrisy—a vice on which,
from time immemorial, the poets and
philosophers have been hard in their con-
demnation. Hazlitt declares that "the
only vice that cannot be forgiven is hy-
pocrisy," and Johnson stigmatizes it as
"the necessary burthen of villainy." And
yet it is hard, indeed, to tell when we are
unconsciously playing the hypocrite, and
I suspect that more often than we imag-
ine we assume virtues that we have not—
perhaps because the instinct for good in
all of us is so insistent that we try to de-
ceive ourselves into the belief that, by
seeming good we may become so. If one
thinks of hypocrisy thus, one can come to
understand what Victor Hugo meant
when he said that "Hypocrisy is nothing,
in fact, but a horrible aspiration ends and
what truth?"

All live by seeming.
The beggar begs with it, and the gay courtier
gains lands and title, rank and file, by seeming;
The clergy scold it not, and the scholar
Will wear it with his service—All admit it,
All practice it, and he who is content
Showing it, and he who shall have small credit
In church, or camp, or state—So was the world.

It is more than a mere phrase to say
that "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is
weak." In this life the body and the soul
pull often in different directions, and it is
one of the frailties of our natures that,
realizing the best, we so often turn our
backs upon it deliberately, and choose the
worst.

There is not one among us but wears
some disguise. If we did not, it is easy
to foresee that we should be swamped by
the democracy of things; horrified to find
that others so better than ourselves;
that we, ourselves, stripped of our uncon-
scious hypocrisy, appear so weak and un-
wicked. What is it to be a hypocrite?
Somebody has defined it as one who pro-
fesses what he does not believe; not he,
who does not practice all he wishes or ap-
proves. This shows us the difficulty, nay,
one might almost say, the impossibility,
of living without hypocrisy; but it is well
that we may make the distinction and
understand the difference between con-
scious and unconscious hypocrisy.

Hazlitt found a way to describe this aptly
when he said that "a priest may be hon-
est, and yet err; a woman may be modest,
and yet half inclined to be a rake." He re-
cognized, you see, that no professions of
ours can keep us from making mistakes.
May claim this merit still, that she admits
the best way, and yet find our feet slipping
into the mud. If, then, we try to hide our
sins from the world, we soon get to see
the high road again, surely this is not
an evil sort of hypocrisy!

It is better that saying of La Rochefou-
cauld:
Hypocrisy is the homage vice pays to virtue.
For that means, unmistakably, that the
man whose professions do not accord
with his daily life is yet willing to admit
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